



Date: April 7, 2015

To: Sherril Soman, GVSU Interim Registrar

Re: Posthumous Degree, Stephanie Urbanawiz, PA-S

This is a letter of support to award Stephanie Ann Urbanawiz, PA-S, a posthumous degree of Masters of Physician Assistant Studies, to be awarded December 12th, 2015.

Ms. Urbanawiz was a successful and highly dedicated PAS student prior to her untimely death on February 28th, 2015. She was diagnosed with Breast Cancer just prior to starting the Physician Assistant Studies Program at GVSU in fall, 2013. She performed extremely well in her studies and activities within the program, all while receiving treatment for her cancer. Stephanie was a model of professionalism, never once complaining, asking for leniency or special consideration based on her condition. Even while sick from side effects from the aggressive chemotherapy she was enduring, she maintained a positive outlook and never-give-up attitude.

While her attitude itself was something to aspire to, her ability to continue on in her education and not only succeed in the classroom, but perform at the very top level, was incredible. Stephanie maintained a 3.9 GPA in her studies in the Physician Assistant Studies program and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society.

Stephanie was a compassionate caregiver and exceptional student. Because of this dedication and her commitment to education, the Physician Assistant Studies Department would like to award Ms. Urbanawiz, posthumously, the degree of Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

Respectfully,

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